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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

### Ehrhardt News.

Ehrhardt, July 26.—What has become of our regular correspondent of this city? We miss his news so much—to be sure he can still find something to write about.

We are having a cool change in weather, makes everyone feel fine; see some carrying their coats with them, guess it will soon be over.

We had a rare game of ball last week. Our regular team not having much work on their diamond and amusement being a little dull, got up a "game" consisting of married vs. single men. Of course the marrieds could not compete, so they lost, score 14 to 7.

Well the next thing on docket is the Chocketville picnic Thursday. Lot of our people are thinking of going; some of the younger set are limbering up for the dance department. Say they will "turkey trot" whether any to eat or not.

Mr. J. H. Kinard, the newly elected magistrate here, must think that he has his trap baited with sure catch bait as his five room cage on Main street is being rushed. Joe, you may have to go to fight those Germans?

Messrs. Chas. Ehrhardt and J. E. Folk report some fine fish fries at Howell's old mill and New Bridge. Say they have caught out Howell's old mill; only two trout left and they "will not bite." Mr. Folk thinks fishing is some job, bait scarce, hook fastened mosquitoes and red bugs, falling off logs, slipping down on cypress knees, etc., but they continue to go.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kinard returned last Friday from a visit to friends and relatives at Port Royal and Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ritchie, of Albermarle, N. C.

Some of our folks are very busy now canning fruit, vegetables, berries, etc. No bad idea.

Mr. Robt. Hughes and Miss Ray, of Colston, were married last week at the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Olive Folk, of Holly Hill, S. C., was in town a few days last week on her way to visit her sister, Mrs. William Fender, of route 2.

The farmers have about completed the making of this year's crop. Say they have had a tough year. No, the work was not like shooting birds on the ground. It has been plenty "gamey" and hope the reward will be high price in marketing this fall.

Mrs. H. L. Beck has been quite ill, but at this writing am glad to note that she is improving. IDLER.

### Colston News.

Colston, July 26.—One of the most enjoyable picnics of the season was that given at the home of Mr. G. H. Kearse July 21st, the date being the seventy-seventh birthday of the twins, Mrs. Kearse and Mrs. Inabinet, who were formerly Misses Mary and Martha Sease. A remarkable fact is that Mr. Kearse is of the same age, and Mrs. Inabinet, being a widow, resides with them, making three people in one home aged seventy-seven. Many friends and relatives were present to wish them many returns of the day, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rast, of Cameron, Mr. W. G. Sease, of Orangeburg, and Mr. W. Gordon Kearse, of Columbia.

Miss Nannie Ray and Mr. Robert L. Hughes were married in Ehrhardt Wednesday, July 21st. Miss Ray was one of the most popular girls of this community and will be greatly missed. We congratulate the happy couple.

Mr. W. Gordon Kearse returned to Columbia Sunday after a short visit to his father.

Miss Annie Mae Varn, who was the guest of Miss Minnie Kirkland, has returned to her home in Bamberg.

Miss Evelyn Kirkland is visiting Mrs. Hunt in Savannah.

Miss Elvie Kearse is visiting Mrs. J. H. Roberts, in Ehrhardt.

Malone and Ollie Varn are the guests of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Varn.

Miss Louise Wiggins is visiting Miss Laura McMillan.

Mrs. Louisa Sease, of Orangeburg; Mrs. W. P. Sandifer and little son, of Denmark, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kearse.

Miss Nannie Farmer, who has been visiting Misses Elvie and Claire Kearse has returned to her home at News Ferry, Va. RUSTICUS.

## Denmark News.

Denmark, July 24.—Miss Lula Bess Wroton is in Columbia for a few days, en route to Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Onie Brux, of Midville, Ga., is visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Boozer.

Miss Gladys Milhous, of Columbia, spent several days with friends here this week.

After a week's stay in Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, John Martin, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Sturgeon have returned, accompanied by Miss Marguerite McMillan, of Savannah, and Miss Reba Wiggins, of Augusta.

Mrs. Payne and granddaughter, of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mrs. L. O. Rice.

Mrs. Turrentine and Mrs. Hoyt entertained at cards on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. S. G. Mayfield returned last Saturday from Greenville.

Miss Ida C. Hardin has returned to her home at Clover after several weeks' visit to her son, Prof. H. G. Hardin.

Capt. James M. Moss, of Cameron, and Mr. William McNab, of Barnwell, were guests of Mr. W. L. Riley, Sunday.

Miss Hattie N. Rice is enjoying a western trip, including the Panama exposition.

The Boy Scouts are enjoying a week's camp at the river.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Walker and their attractive children were in town Wednesday, en route to Orangeburg from Savannah.

Mr. and Mrs. George Riley and Misses Sara Vivian and Julia Riley, of Atlanta, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Malcom McRae left Saturday for Union, having accepted a position with the Milhouse Drug Company there.

Mrs. M. R. Riley and Miss Mary Moss, of Norway, spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. L. Califf.

Mrs. A. H. Pregnall, of Florence, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Steadman.

Dr. John G. Clinkscales, of Spartanburg, visited his nephew, Rev. H. G. Hardin last week.

Mrs. Tindall, of Holly Hill, has returned home, having spent a week with Mrs. J. H. Wiggins.

Miss Nita Phillips returned to Sumter Tuesday after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. S. D. Guess.

Mrs. J. H. Walker and Miss Mary Hane Walker have returned from a stay on Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. George Turner and children have gone to Creston for a week's stay.

## Branchville Items.

Branchville, July 24.—The Rook club was entertained on Tuesday evening by Miss Rachel Grimes.

Mesdames G. W. Reeves and Warren have gone to Hendersonville to spend the summer.

About 40 of the young people with several chaperons have returned from a camping trip on Sand Island. Mrs. Ike Crim is visiting friends in Georgia.

A card party was enjoyed by the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McHornica on Friday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Woodie, of Sandersville, Ga., assisted the Rev. A. J. Allen in a series of services at the Baptist church the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird, of Jacksonville, are the guests at the home of the former's father here.

## Hunter's Chapel News.

Hunter's Chapel, July 27.—Dr. J. D. Chapman and Rev. W. R. McMillan came down last Sunday afternoon from Bamberg and Dr. Chapman made an address on the "Judson Centennial Memorial Fund," which was listened to with interest.

At the Zion Sunday-school in the forenoon a missionary programme was carried out, in which Mr. G. E. Sabin made a good talk.

Messrs. Clifton and St. Clair Rhoad and Ralph Rentz spent nearly all of last week on a camp fishing expedition on the Edisto and on Wednesday their friends and relatives, numbering about fifty, went down and enjoyed eating fish and other good things. The bath was also a good feature, especially for the children.

Mr. O. F. Hunter, who has been spending his vacation in this community, returned yesterday to his post of duty in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. N. R. Rhoad spent a few days at Ferguson, S. C., visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Herndon spent Saturday and Sunday at Hilda visiting their daughters, Mrs. Julia Black and Mrs. Chessie Hightower.

They went with Capt. D. Rice Steedly,

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Work on improvements which will cost \$150,000, have been begun at the State Hospital for the Insane in Columbia.

R. B. Belser has been elected to the house of representatives from Sumter county, to succeed Hon. Geo. W. Dick, resigned.

Kim Hopkins, colored, was arrested in Columbia Friday, charged with the theft of \$400 from W. M. Woods, of that place. More than \$300 of the money was recovered by the police.

Governor Manning has written each of the fifteen governors of the Southern States inviting them to attend the session of the Southern Commercial congress at Charleston in December.

At the meeting of the South Carolina Sheriffs' association in Greenville last week, it was decided to erect a monument to the memory of the late Sheriff Adam D. Hood, of Fairfield.

Lee Fraser has been committed to jail in Edgefield, charged with the killing of Norman Mayson, near Trenton. It is alleged the dead man struck Fraser with an iron rod, whereupon Fraser shot him.

Jessie R. Robinson, aged 26, working as a lineman at Greenville, was killed Monday afternoon when he came in contact with two wires carrying 2,300 volts. All efforts at resuscitation were unavailing.

Superintendent Williams of the State Hospital for the Insane, has appointed Rev. J. M. Pike, formerly editor of the Way of Faith, chaplain of the State Hospital for the Insane. The position pays \$50 per month.

Policeman Whitworth, of Richland county, returned from Oklahoma City, Okla., to Columbia Thursday night, bringing with him S. S. Cook, a former member of the Columbia fire department, who is charged with issuing checks when he had no money in the bank.

Plans and specifications for the light draft lighthouse tender Palmetto for use in the sixth lighthouse district, with headquarters at Charleston, have been completed and will be sent to bidders this week. The vessel when completed will be one of the finest in the service.

C. Zaglin, who conducts a fruit store in Greenville, plead guilty to storing and selling whiskey last week. He will lose his license to do business in that city and is the first person to lose his license under the ordinance which forever bars from business in that city those who are convicted of selling liquor.

The mayor of Mt Pleasant has requested the governor to reopen the Mt. Pleasant dispensary, which was closed during the encampment of militia there. The reason assigned is that the militiamen go to Charleston and get their whiskey, and that the closing of the dispensary does not prevent them from buying intoxicants.

At the injunction proceedings in Laurens last week J. Fraser Lyon appeared as special counsel for the commission. The attorney general objected to the appearance of Mr. Lyon, on the ground that the attorney general had not been consulted as to the employment of Mr. Lyon. The court sustained the objection, and Mr. Lyon took no further part in the proceedings.

The State board of health in session in Columbia last week, voted to extend an invitation for the national association for the study of pellagra to meet there. It was indicated at the session that the board felt assured this invitation would be accepted and the conference held later in the summer. Dr. Robert Wilson, of Charleston, chairman of the board, and Dr. James A. Hayne, secretary, were named as a committee to prepare for the meeting.

who is as genial and clever as can be—if he can keep his auto out of Clear Pond.

Mr. D. O. Hunter had a reunion of his family on the banks of the Edisto river Friday. Fifteen of the sixteen were present and a fine dinner with fruits, melons and lemonade, was served. A plunge into the water was also enjoyed.

Mr. J. G. Rhoad's cannery is busy these days canning vegetables and fruit. Mr. A. W. Hunter has had a lot of fine peaches canned.

## WHY HE SLASHED FRANK.

Green Feared Attack of Mob in Attempting to Lynch Frank.

Milledgeville, Ga., July 24.—William Green stabbed Leo M. Frank in the prison here last Saturday night because he feared the prison would be attacked by a mob bent on lynching Frank, he told Governor Harris today. The governor came here with a committee of the legislature to investigate prison conditions and to get Green's statement, as Frank's assailant had said he would tell his story only to the governor and B. H. Haraday, of Macon. Haraday has not been in Georgia since the attack.

### Planned for Several Days.

Green said that he planned the attack several days before it took place, but said nothing to any one about it. When asked if he had outside instructions he fell on his knees and swore that he had not.

He said that the knife he used was not the one he used when killing hogs that Saturday as reported, but that he had stolen the weapon from the kitchen Friday before the attack. He hid it in his bunk, he told the governor. After his statement was taken he bared his back to disprove reports that he had been flogged since the attack.

### To Protect Others.

"I felt that as long as he (Frank) was here there was danger of the prison being attacked," Green said. "I was afraid the guards and the people making the attack would shoot at each other and people be killed, so I came to the conclusion that it was my duty to save the people from danger to which Frank's presence exposed them. So I decided to kill him." Frank's condition is much improved today.

The investigation by the governor and the State prison commission was completed today.

## THE ACCUSED ACTS SLAYING.

Amazes Judge and Jury by His Realistic Pantomime.

John Hall, accused of the murder of Milton Butler, a leading Pike county politician, enacted in the circuit court room at Pikeville the scenes of a quarrel during which he killed Butler. Hall swore that it was in self-defence.

Then he turned in the witness chair and began quarrelling with an imaginary enemy. When he told how Butler advanced on him he drew an imaginary pistol. As he related how Butler started to run, Hall straightened up and made motions of aiming and firing. The judge, jury and 200 spectators set astounded during his confession and re-enactment of the crime. Hall is confident that his acted story will win his freedom.

## HELP COTTON SHIPPERS.

Big American Pool to Distribute Exports to Neutral Countries.

Washington, July 22.—Formation of a great American cotton pool, to handle exports to Europe under an agreement with the British government, has been proposed informally to the State department as a means of equitably distributing among producers such cotton trade as Great Britain and her allies permit Americans to carry on with neutral countries without interference on the high seas.

Any arrangement of this kind would have to be made directly between the British government and the cotton interests without participation or approval by the State department. Officials point out that to accede to any restrictions on trade between neutral countries in non-contraband would mean abandonment of the principle of freedom of the seas laid down in various notes to Great Britain and to be stated with greater insistence in another communication now in preparation.

### Great Britain's Position.

It has been suggested that pending differences between the two countries American officials might aid the cotton shippers and exporters informally in any effort they might make to facilitate their trade. It was announced recently that Great Britain would be willing to enter into an agreement not to interfere with cotton cargoes for neutral countries provided no more were shipped to each country than the normal amount consumed there.

The British embassy has been active in negotiating for an arrangement to relieve the cotton trade and embassy officials express confidence that some practical scheme will be worked out.

## ONE THOUSAND LIVES LOST

STEAMER SINKS IN CHICAGO RIVER.

Eastland, Carrying 2,500 Persons, Overturns at Wharf.—Ship Declared to Have Been Defective.

Chicago, July 24.—Approximately 1,000 persons lost their lives in the Chicago river today by the capsizing of the excursion steamer, Eastland, while warping from its wharf with more than 2,400 employees of the Western Electric company and their relatives and friends on board, bound for a pleasure trip across Lake Michigan.

After working ceaselessly all day and far into the night the bodies of 842 victims of the catastrophe, most of them women and children, were collected in temporary morgues and taken to the 2nd regiment armory. When these bodies had been tagged Coroner Hoffman, taking into consideration estimates of bodies thought to be in the hold of the steamer, lying on its side in the river, and in the stream itself, said he believed the total dead would not exceed 1,000.

### Steamer Declared Top-heavy.

The Eastland, said by marine architects to have been top-heavy and ballasted in an uncertain manner, turned over inside of five minutes after it began to list, pouring its passengers into the river or imprisoning them in its submerged hull.

Every effort was made by thousands of persons on the river wharf to rescue the drowning men, women and children, but many went down almost within grasp of the river bank. Mothers went to death, while their children were snatched to safety. Other children died in the arms of their parents, who finally were saved. Hundreds of girls, freed for a day from their tasks of making telephones and other electrical apparatuses in the factory of the Western Electric company, dressed in their smartest white frocks, drowned.

A pall of sorrow hung tonight over the entire West Side of Chicago, where the majority of the victims lived.

### Every Home in Mourning.

Kolin avenue, a small street near the factory of the Western Electric company, was in universal mourning. Every house lost from one to all its occupants in the disaster, and many of the residents of this street tonight lay in the morgue or beneath the steel hull of the Eastland, over which searchlights shot their blinding glare, while hundreds of men searched for more bodies.

Efforts to discover the cause of the accident were begun long before the work of rescue was over. Federal and county grand juries were ordered, a coroner's jury was impanelled and all of the officers and crew of the Eastland were arrested.

W. C. Steele, secretary and treasurer of the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship company, who owned the Eastland, built on Lake Erie in 1903, and remodelled later because top-heavy, it is said, was arrested tonight and locked up at police station. The steamer was leased by the Indiana Transportation company, whose officers said they were not responsible for the licensing of the ship and did not control the crew.

Under misty skies 7,000 men, women and children went to the Clark street dock early today to fill five large lake steamers with holiday mirth in a trip to Michigan City. The steamer Eastland was the first to be loaded.

Rain began to fall as the wharf superintendent lifted the gangplanks from the Eastland, declaring that the government limit of 2,500 passengers had been reached.

### Eastland Fails to Move.

The passengers swarmed to the left side of the ship as the other steamers drew up the river towards the wharf. A tug was hitched to the Eastland, ropes were ordered cast off and the steamer's engines began to hum. The Eastland had not budged, however.

Instead the heavily laden ship wavered sidewise, leaning first towards the river bank. The lurch was so startling that many passengers joined the large concourse already on the river side of decks.

The ship never heeled back; it turned slowly, but steadily, toward its left side. Children clutched the skirts of mothers and sisters to keep from falling. Water began to enter lower port holes and the hawsers tore out the spikes to which the vessel was tied.

Screams from passengers attracted the attention of fellow excursionists on the dock awaiting the next

## ONE DEAD, ANOTHER DYING.

Negroes and Officers Exchange Shots at Nichols.

Mullins, July 25.—One negro, Jake Davis, is dead, and another, name unknown at this time, is fatally wounded, as the result of trouble between about thirty negroes and several officers at Nichols, this county, about eight miles from here, last night.

It seems that the negroes were at a church and dissension arose among them, and that the mayor, magistrate and policemen went to the church to stop the quarrel, when the negroes opened fire on the officers, who returned the fire. Policemen Walter Powell was shot through the arm, but the mayor and magistrate were unharmed.

The coroner arrived on the scene about 1 o'clock this morning, but decided to postpone the inquest until after daylight.

One arrest has been made and others are expected shortly.

## PROTECTED BY UNCLE SAM.

So-called German Traitors Needn't Fear Extradition.

Washington, July 23.—State department officials said today that Germans in the United States, who might be prosecuted, as was announced from Berlin last night, for working in ammunition factories in lands supplying war materials to Germany's enemies, were in no danger of extradition, and would not come under the effects of the German law while they remain in the United States.

Should such Germans become naturalized Americans in the meantime and return to Germany at the close of the war, they are protected by the naturalization treaty under which the United States could intervene in their behalf.

Glendale Springs water on sale by Mack's Drug Store and W. P. Herndon, 50c for 5-gallon jug.—adv.

steamer. Wharfmen and picnickers soon lined the edge of the embankment, reaching out helplessly towards the wavering steamer.

For nearly five minutes the ship turned before it finally dived under the swift current of the river. During the listing of the vessel life boats, chairs and other loose appurtenances on the decks slipped down the sloping floors, crushing the passengers toward the rising waters.

Then there was a plunge, with a sigh of air escaping from the hold, mingled with crying of children and shrieks of women, and the ship was on the bottom of the river, casting hundreds of living creatures to the water.

### Grab Anything in Reach.

Many sank entangled with clothing and bundles, and did not rise, but hundreds came to the surface, seized floating chairs and other objects. Persons on shore threw out ropes and dragged in those who could hold these life lines. Employees of commission firms along the river threw crates, chicken coops and other floatable objects into the water, but most of these were swept away by the current.

Boats put out, tugs rushed to the scene with shrieking whistles and many men jumped into the river to aid the drowning. With thousands of spectators ready to aid and the wharf within grasp, hundreds went to death despite every effort at rescue.

One mother grasped her two children in her arms as she slipped down the steamer into the water. One child was torn from her, but she and the other were saved. Fathers were drowned after aiding their wives and children to safety.

One man was seen to cling to a spike in the side of the wharf, while two women and three children stepped upon his body to safety. He fell exhausted into the river as the last one of the five reached the pier.

Instances of heroism were almost as numerous as the number of persons on the scene. Boats as soon as full took rescued passengers to the wharf or to the steamer Theodore Roosevelt, which was tied up opposite the Eastland.

### Bodies Floating Down River.

In an hour the water was cleared of excursionists. Those who had not been taken to land had sunk or were swirling down the river towards the drainage canal locks at Lockport, Illinois, many miles away. The locks were raised to stop the current and arrangements were made to take bodies from the river along its course through the southwest part of Chicago.